The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 10th day of March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. Rajagopala Achariyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

I

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Village-site in delta taluks of Guntur.

405 *Q.*—Rao Sahib P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the existing village-site has been entirely built upon in the delta taluks of the Guntūr district and that the ryots have been building houses in adjoining wet lands indiscriminately without proper streets and without taking any sanitary precautions.

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Appointment of Collector.

406 *Q.*—Rao Sahib P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member if it is a fact that one deputy collector holding the third rank in the third grade has been appointed as Collector in the vacancy caused by the retirement of M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur L. D. Swamikannu Pillai.

A.—The deputy collector who was appointed in the vacancy held the second place in the third grade.

Ryots and Public Works Department subordinate officials.

407 *Q.*—A. Subbarayudu: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to state whether any action has been taken upon the memorial of the Gōdāvari District Association to His Excellency the Governor in December 1919 regarding the ryots' grievances at the hands of the subordinate officials of the Public Works Department; and, if so, to state the action taken.

A.—Orders on the subject have been passed in G.O. No. 194 W., dated 7th February 1921, which is being laid on the table.

Bifurcation of Kistna district.

408 *Q.*—Rao Sahib Presinge Venkatarangayya: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue whether, in view of the formation of an Agency Commissionership in Northern Circars, the Government intend avoiding the bifurcation of the Kistna district altogether; if not, to state from what date they intend putting the bifurcation into force.

A.—The matter is still under investigation.

II

Discussion on the Budget.

Mr. S. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—“Mr. President, I do not propose at this late hour of the discussion to say more than a few words on the principles, if any, underlying this budget. I wish to reserve my remarks to a more appropriate stage when I shall deal with some of the budget items in detail.